

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 9, through page 23, line 3 as indicated below:

In the present invention, the disease requiring promotion of osteogenesis or enhancement of BMP production is exemplified by osteoporosis (for instance, chronic osteoporosis, osteoporosis caused by abnormality of hormonal balance in postmenopausal stage, secondary osteoporosis accompanying diabetes or an adverse action of steroid or the like), bone fracture, bone refracture, bone defects, dysosteogenesis, osteomalacia, osteonecrosis of Behçet's disease, ankylosing spondylitis, chronic articular rheumatism, osteoarthritis, osteoarthritis involving cartilages, periodontal diseases, periodontium defects in periodontal diseases, tooth root or alveolar defects, ridge formation, and ~~recovery of~~ palatoschisis. In addition, the therapeutic agent or prophylactic agent of the present invention can be also used as an osseous tissue restoration agent after surgery for multiple myeloma, lung cancer, breast cancer, and the like. Furthermore, the therapeutic agent or prophylactic agent of the present invention can be used for the osteoanagenesis purposes in the field of regenerative medicine. Concretely, the therapeutic agent or prophylactic agent of the present invention can be used for activating or stabilizing artificial bone or artificial tooth root. Also, cells can be taken from a living body of a patient before having the disease or a patient having the disease, and allowing the therapeutic agent or

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prophylactic agent of the present invention to act *in vitro* to form regenerated osseous tissues, and thereafter returning the cells to the living body of the patient.